

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the claims:

Following is a listing of all claims in the present application, which listing supersedes all previously presented claims:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The listening device according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 15, wherein said holder is detachably supported at the distal end of said arm.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The listening device according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 15, wherein said actuator is of a type selected from the group consisting of electromotive, piezoelectric, electromagnetic, and magnetostrictive actuators.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of using a listening device having an actuator for transmitting a voice signal through a human bone when contacting the actuator to a human body, comprising the steps of:

contacting a holder for holding said actuator to a human body part at two points, one at a contact part of said actuator and the other at another contact part protruded at a spaced apart location from the contact part of said actuator; and

rotating and supporting said holder around a shaft in a pivot part between said contact parts, said shaft being orthogonal to a plane containing said contact parts and said pivot part; and

pressing said holder against the human body part with a pressure and retaining said holder at a given location.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method according to claim 10, wherein said actuator is of a type selected from the group consisting of electromotive, piezoelectric, electromagnetic, and magnetostrictive actuators.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A listening device equipped on a seat of a vehicle and using an actuator for transmitting a voice signal through a human bone when contacting the actuator to a human body, comprising:

a holder for holding said actuator, said holder including a first contact part for contacting said actuator to a human body part, a second contact part protruded at a spaced apart location from said first contact part and a pivot part between said first contact part and said second contact part, and being supported so as to be rotatable around a shaft in said pivot part orthogonally to a plane containing said first and second contact parts and said pivot part;

an arm for supporting said holder in said pivot part at a distal end thereof and being supported at the other end thereof on a support member such as to be rotatable around two axes and to be capable of retaining said arm at any desired location and retracting said holder from the human body part, said support member being provided to a part of a vehicle seat; and

a resilient biasing member provided between said arm and said support member and pressing said holder against the human body part through said arm.